

High Level Architecture Overview



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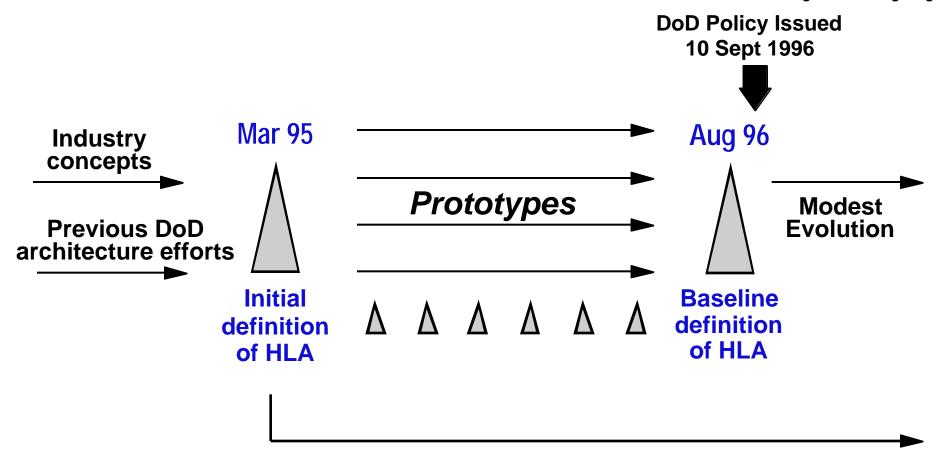
- Major functional elements, interfaces, and design rules, pertaining to all DoD simulation applications, and providing a common framework within which specific system architectures can be defined
- HLA is the Technical Architecture for DoD Simulations



HLA Development Process Overview



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DoD-wide Architecture Management Group (16 major simulation programs; developers were 48% industry, 35% government, 12% FFRDC, 5% academia)



Defining the HLA



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HLA Rules

- A set of rules which must be followed to achieve proper interaction of simulations in a federation. These describe the responsibilities of simulations and of the runtime infrastructure in HLA federations

Interface Specification

 Definition of the interface functions between the runtime infrastructure and the simulations subject to the HLA

Object Model Template

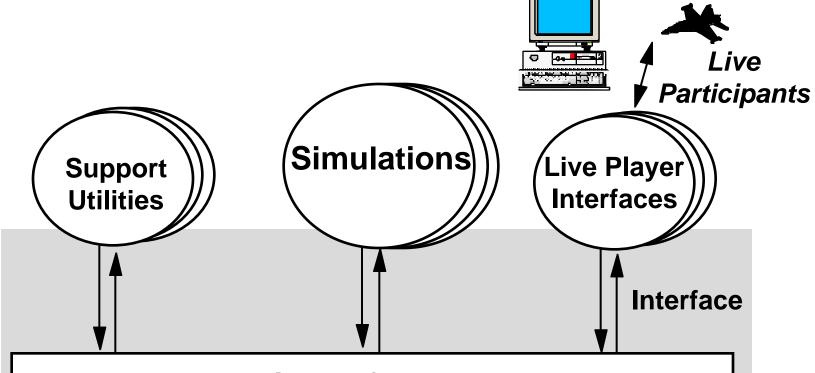
 The prescribed common method for recording the information contained in the required HLA Object Model for each federation and simulation



Functional View of the Architecture



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Runtime Infrastructure

Federation Management Declaration Management
Object Management Ownership Management
Time Management Data Distribution Management



HLA Object Models and OMT



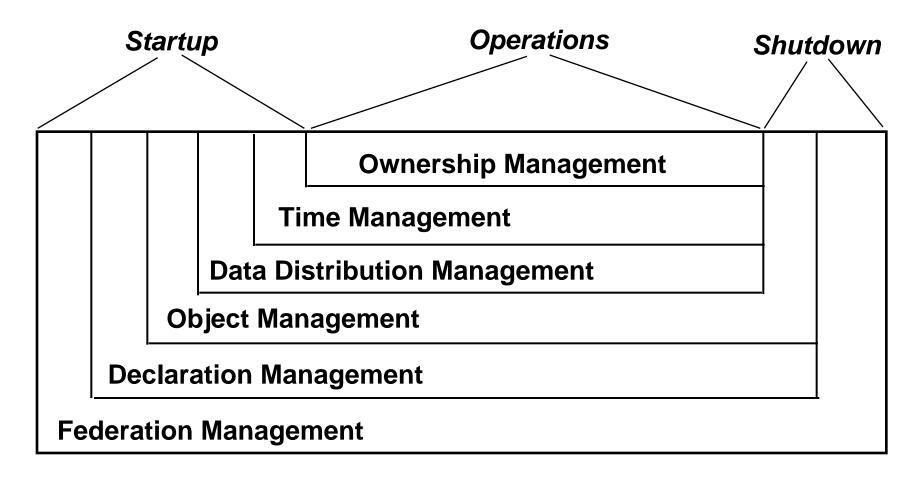
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- Federation Object Model (FOM)
 - A description of all shared information (objects, attributes, associations, and interactions) essential to a particular federation
- Simulation Object Model (SOM)
 - Describes objects, attributes and interactions in a particular simulation which *can* be used externally in a federation
- Object Model Template (OMT)
 - Provides a common framework for HLA object model documentation
 - Fosters interoperability and reuse of simulations and simulation components via the specification of a common representational framework

Use of Interface Over Life Cycle of a Federation Execution



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Startup: Federation Management



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Manage a federation execution throughout the life cycle

- Create Federation Execution
 - Initialize the RTI with Federation Specific Information
 - Establish class, attribute, interaction names and hierarchies, as defined in FOM
 - Set default vales for ordering and transport services
 - Establish names and dimensions of routing spaces (if using data distribution management services)
- Join Federation Execution
 - Affiliates a federate with the federation execution



Startup: Declaration Management



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Federate desires to generate and receive data

- Publish Object Class and Publish Interaction Class
 - Informs RTI of ability to update attributes of classes of objects or send classes of interactions
- Subscribe Object Class Attribute and Subscribe Interaction Class
 - Informs RTI of desire to discover object attributes and classes of interactions



Startup: Object Management



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Supports creation, modification and deletion of objects

- Request ID
 - Federate requests unique ID numbers from RTI
- Register Object
 - Links an object ID with an instance of an object
- Update Attribute Values
 - Provides current attribute values of an instance of an object
- Discover Object
- Reflect Attribute Values
 - RTI informs federates with a declared interest in attributes objects of their existence and their current values



Startup: Data Distribution Management



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Supports management of data distribution

- Create Update Region
- Create Subscription Region
- Associate Update Region
 - Federate identifies subsets of routing spaces which meet data distribution needs of the objects it represents



Startup: Time Management



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Controls federate advance along with federation time

- Set default transportation event ordering type for object classes and interactions in FED
- Set Lookahead
 - If using event ordering services for any objects



Operations: Object and Time Management



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- Object Management
 - Update Attributes; Send Interactions
 - Federates export event data
 - Reflect Attributes and Receive Interactions
 - RTI delivers data to federates
- Time Management
 - Time Advance Request; Next Event Request, Flush Queue Request
 - Federates request time ordered event data from RTI
 - Time Advance Grant
 - RTI delivers events up to time requested along permission to move forward
 - Request Time
 - Federate queries RTI for time value



Operations: Declaration and Data Distribution Mgt



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Declaration Management

- Publish Object Class Or Interaction Class
- Subscribe Object Class Attribute **Or** Interaction Class
 - Federate can reissue data declarations, overriding previous
- Control Updates and Interactions
 - RTI can inform federates of changes in need to update or send

Data Distribution Management

- Modify Region; Change Thresholds
- Associate Update Region
- Create Update Or Subscription Region
 - Federate can change data routing by changing bound on regions, associating an object with a new region or creating or deleting regions



Operations: Federation and Ownership Management



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Federation Management

- Request Pause, Initiate Pause, Pause Achieved
- Request Resume, Initiate Resume, Resume Achieved
 - Federates can request that the federation pause operations and subsequently resume; RTI coordinates with all federates
- Request Federation Save, Initiate Federation Save, Federation Save Achieved
- Request Restore, Initiate Restore, Restore Achieved
 - Federates can request that the federation save state and subsequently restore to a particular saved state; RTI coordinates with all federates

Ownership Management

- Federates can transfer ownership



Shutdown



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- Federation Management
 - Resign Federation Execution
 - Indicates that a Federate chooses to cease participation
 - Triggers ownership transfer for attributes owned by resigning federate or deletes these attributes (options on the service call)
 - Destroy Federation Execution
 - Removes this federation execution from all RTI support; assumes all federates have resigned